

December 2005  
CENTRAL COMMAND

# SAFESTAT REPORT



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## Overview

The month of December continued with winter storms for the Command, and associated winter driving conditions. However, during the month, the Central Command experienced a 24.4% decrease in crashes as compared to November. Property damage crashes decreased by 27%, as did injury crashes by 22%. There were two additional fatal crashes during December. In the four fatal crashes, six persons were killed; three were not wearing seat belts. Crashes involving impaired drivers declined to only two during the entire month. This is very good considering the number of holiday parties during the month. Crashes involving commercial vehicles accounted for 24.1% of the Command's total. Of the 32 commercial vehicle crashes 20 or 62.5% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver, up slightly from November.

Overall enforcement activity decreased by 8.8% over last month, but increased by 20.5% over the same period last year. Decreases were noted in speed and hazardous moving violations. There was one fewer occupant restraint violation issued in December as compared to November. D.U.I. arrests prior to crashes jumped from 19 in November to 27 in December for a 42.1% increase.

The Commercial Enforcement Section showed a marked increase in total safety inspections by 86%. Much of this is attributed to the 72 hour check site operations in Southern Command for New Year's Eve. Along with this increase came a corresponding increase in the number of repair orders and safety violation citations. Commercial vehicles weighed during December increased three-fold as compared to November. This is due to the new Weigh-In-Motion scales placed into service.

Traffic personnel conducted 319 Level 3 inspections in December resulting in 582 violations, 153 safety citations and placed 29 drivers "out of service." This program continues to provide positive results in the Central Command's effort to reduce the number of commercial vehicle crashes.

Despite the adverse weather conditions encountered during the month, Central Command's personnel performed well and will continue to improve in areas of concern.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	December-05		December-04	% Change		November-05	% Change
Total Crashes	133		122	9.0%		176	-24.4%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	97		92	5.4%		133	-27.1%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	32		27	18.5%		41	-22.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		3	33.3%		2	100.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2		5	-60.0%		5	-60.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6		3	100.0%		2	200.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3		3	0.0%		0	300.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	32		26	23.1%		26	23.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	21		23	-8.7%		25	-16.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	8		3	166.7%		1	700.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		0	300.0%		0	300.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 3.0%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 1.5%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 60.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 24.1%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS**

*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- ★ Total crashes declined by almost 25%. There was a decline in property and injury crashes. There were two additional fatal crashes. In the four fatal crashes, 6 persons were killed, 3 without seatbelts.
- ★ There were only 2 crashes involving impaired drivers for a 60% decrease as compared to November. The average BAC was .147.
- ★ There were 6 additional crashes involving commercial vehicles. Of the 32 crashes, 20 or 62.5% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	December-05		December-04	% Change		November-05	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2		5	-60.0%		5	-60.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	27		19	42.1%		19	42.1%
Other Arrests	178		124	43.5%		103	72.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	79		64	23.4%		57	38.6%
Speed violations	1665		1380	20.7%		2112	-21.2%
Hazardous moving violations	261		229	14.0%		303	-13.9%
Occupant restraint violations *	266		240	10.8%		267	-0.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	3262		2706	20.5%		3576	-8.8%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	32		22	45.5%		4	700.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	27		10	170.0%		81	-66.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	666		627	6.2%		358	86.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	121		66	83.3%		109	11.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	951		739	28.7%		722	31.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	35		9	288.9%		30	16.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	19		10	90.0%		20	-5.0%
Total school buses inspected	48		65	-26.2%		70	-31.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	10		10	0.0%		11	-9.1%
Total trucks weighed	735		342	114.9%		185	297.3%
Total overweight citations	5		2	150.0%		3	66.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	534		585	-8.7%		314	70.1%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- ★ Overall activity declined by 8.8% when compared to November, but increased by over 20% when compared to December 2004. There were declines in speed and hazardous moving violations. One fewer seat belt violation was issued.
- ★ Arrests of impaired drivers prior to crashes increased by over 42%. The average BAC was .187.
- ★ The number of inspections of commercial vehicles conducted by commercial operations personnel increased by 86%. Much of this can be attributed to a 72 hour check site operation for New Year's Eve in Southern Command. With the increased number of inspections came a corresponding increase in the number of violations discovered and citations issued.
- ★ The number of trucks weighed almost tripled. This is due to the utilization of the new Weigh-In-Motion scales the Command recently received and placed into operation.
- ★ Of the 534 dyed fuel inspections, 138 were conducted on secondary roadways during 138 hours of directed enforcement.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
December-05	319	153	582	29	223	0
November-05	254	127	544	25	197	0
% Change	25.6%	20.5%	7.0%	16.0%	13.2%	0%

  

December-05	319	153	582	29	223	0
December-04	249	162	429	32	142	0
% Change	28.1%	-5.6%	35.7%	-9.4%	57.0%	0%

- ★ Traffic personnel conducted 25% more Level 3 inspections in December as compared to November. With the increase in the number of inspections came increases in violations discovered, safety citations issued and drivers placed "out of service."



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	December-05	December-04	% Change	November-05	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	80849	72,533	11.5%	75,529	7.0%
CAD incidents	10414	9159	13.7%	10,183	2.3%
Telephone Calls	12494	11,424	9.4%	12,701	-1.6%
Call Box Incidents	18	N/A	#VALUE!	24	-25.0%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	104	109	-4.6%	151	-31.1%
Arrest Reports Processed	70	64	9.4%	56	25.0%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	7	12	-41.7%	10	-30.0%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	326	237	37.6%	378	-13.8%
Warrants Entered	321	506	-36.6%	252	27.4%
Warrants Cleared	167	150	11.3%	193	-13.5%
Warrants Validated	2365	2071	14.2%	1950	21.3%
Extradition / Transports	13	5	160.0%	6	116.7%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	54	19	184.2%	4	1250.0%
New Items Submitted	152	25	508.0%	9	1588.9%
Items Disposed	6	0	600.0%	2	200.0%

**Contract Service overtime was 370 hours for 13 contracted totalling \$22,123.**

#### NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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- ★ The Communications Center had increases in radio transmissions of 7% and CAD incidents generated of 2.3%. The number of phone calls declined by only 1.6%. There were 6 fewer call box incidents generated from the Beowawe Rest Area.
- ★ The Front Office processed fewer accidents due to the decline of crashes in December as compared to November. The number of arrest reports increased due to the increase of the number of persons arrested by Field Operations personnel.
- ★ Court Services received about 50 fewer warrants, but reduced the backlog by entering 70 more when compared to November. The number of warrants validated increased by over 21%.
- ★ The number of new cases submitted to the Evidence Vaults increased dramatically. With this came an increase in the number of items submitted with these new cases.

**PERSONNEL**

- ★ Jeff Fountain was promoted to Lieutenant for the Central Command from Las Vegas Parole and Probation. He is scheduled to report in January.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

- ★ Shop with A Cop in Elko raised over \$30,000 through radio programs and fundraisers. Shop With A was held for 103 needy children with 83 officers, firefighters and emergency personnel participating. Each child received \$200 to spend and presents were wrapped by a host of volunteers. Approximately 100 volunteers and behind the scenes individuals assisted. Special thanks go out to Café X, Great Basin College and K-Mart in Elko.
- ★ Mine Safety Driver Training was held with 15 students attending.
- ★ A driver safety program was provided for Smith Detroit Diesel with 14 students and for A-1 Radiator with 8 students.
- ★ The Family Vehicle Safety Program directed by courts was provided with 5 students attending.

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